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SUBJECT: ELF APPEAL FOR UN AND ARAB LEAGUE INTERVENTION IN ASMARA

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1. LOCAL ENGLISH-LANGUAGE INDEPENDENT, DAILY STAR (FEB 6)
REPORTS UNIDENTIFIED ELF SPOKESMAN IN PRESS CONFERENCE HELD
HERE FEB 5, APPEALED FOR URGENT INTERVENTION BY UN AND ARAB
LEAGUE TO STOP "ATROCITIES" ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED BY ETHIOPIAN
ARMY IN ERITREA. CHARGING THAT "ETHIOPIAN TROOPS ARE
MASSACRING HUNDREDS OF CIVILIANS" IN ASMARA AND OTHER
ERITREAN TOWNS, THE SPOKESMAN ALSO APPEALED TO INTERNATIONAL
RED CROSS FOR PLASMA AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO TREAT WOUNDED
ERITREAN CIVILIANS.

2. ACCORDING TO STAR, ELF SYG OTHMAN SABBEH, ON SAME
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DAY, CONFIRMED AN NAHAR REPORT (REFTEL) THAT ELF RECEIVED

WEAPONS FROM LIBYA WORTH FIVE MILLION DOLLARS TWO WEEKS
AGO. SABBEH STATED THE ARMS INCLUDED MORTARS, ANTI-TANK
WEAPONS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS, BAZOOKAS, AND SURFACE-TO-
SURFACE MISSILES.

3. CLAIMING SIGNIFICANT ELF VICTORIES SINCE FULL SCALE
REBELLION ERUPTED JAN 31, SABBEH DECLARED ELF DETER-
MINATION TO CONTINUE FIGHTING UNTIL ETHIOPIAN ARMY IS DEFEATED
IF ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES REFUSE TO NEGOTIATE WITH
ERITREANS ON BASIS OF "SELF-DETERMINATION AND COMPLETE
INDEPENDENCE".
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